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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: SCENARIO FOR SPECIAL GA SESSION

1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL SESSION OF GENERAL
ASSEMBLY ON UNIFIL FINANCING, MOJSOV (YUGOSLAV) INFORMED
AMBS. YOUNG AND LEONARD AFTERNOON OF APRIL 19 THAT AFTER
SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS INCLUDING WITH ARAB AMBASSADORS
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AND CHAIRMAN OF FIFTH COMMITTEE, NEW SCENARIO FOR APRIL
20-21 SPECIAL SESSION HAD BEEN WORKED OUT. SCENARIO AS
FOLLOWS: SPECIAL SESSION PLENARY CONVENES AT 10:30 AM
(FOLLOWING SC CONSULTATIONS AT 9:30 AM) AND, AFTER BRIEF
CEREMONIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL OPENING, RECESSES. FIFTH
COMMITTEE MEETS IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS AND HEARS SEVERAL
GENERAL STATEMENTS (LEBANON, US, KUWAIT AND OTHERS).

FIFTH COMMITTEE CONTINUES ITS WORK IN AFTERNOON SESSION ON APRIL 20 AND MORNING SESSION APRIL 21. IT THEN REPORTS TO SPECIAL SESSION PLENARY ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL 21, WHEN STATEMENTS WILL BE HEARD FROM ALL DELEGATIONS DESIRING TO SPEAK. MOJSOV ESTIMATES ABOUT 30 SPEAKERS WILL INSCRIBE. FOLLOWING STATEMENT, PLENARY WOULD VOTE ON UNIFIL FINANCING RESOLUTION AND SPECIAL SESSION WOULD ADJOURN. MOJSOV WAS HOPEFUL ADJOURNMENT COULD TAKE PLACE BY EARLY EVENING. END SUMMARY.

2. SPECIAL SESSION OF GA ON UNIFIL FINANCING PRESIDENT MOJSOV MET WITH US ON APRIL 19 AND EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD ARRIVED AT A WORKABLE SCENARIO FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION AFTER SPEAKING WITH FIFTH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TALIEH (IRAN) AND OTHERS INCLUDING KEY ARAB AMBASSADORS. NEW SCENARIO WAS DESCRIBED AS CONTAINED IN PARA ONE ABOVE. MOJSOV ADDED THAT QUESTION OF ENLARGEMENT OF UNIFIL SHOULD BE DELAYED FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS; SC COULD ENDORSE AN ENLARGEMENT THEN AND THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT COULD CONVENE SEPARATELY ON THE FINANCING OF AN ENLARGED UNIFIL. MOJSOV SAID TALIEH CONFIRMED THAT FOR THE SC TO ATTEMPT AT THIS LATE DATE TO ACT ON THE ENLARGEMENT QUESTION WOULD DELAY CONSIDERABLY THE SPECIAL SESSION, PERHAPS EVEN RUNNING INTO APRIL 24 WHEN THE SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA CONVENES. HE NOTED THAT OBVIOUSLY THE AFRICANS WOULD OBJECT TO LOSING TIME FOR
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NAMIBIA SESSION.

3. WE REPLIED THAT NEW SCENARIO CONTAINED RISK THAT ISRAELIS WOULD ARGUE THAT THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH LEBANON COULD NOT OCCUR WITHOUT AN ENLARGED UNIFIL IN PLACE. WHILE THIS CONDITION WAS NOT CONTAINED IN RES 425, WE CANNOT BE UNAWARE OF THE ISRAELI INSISTENCE ON AN EFFECTIVE PRESENCE OF UNIFIL IN SOUTH LEBANON BEFORE THE IDF WITHDRAWS. MOJSOV ACKNOWLEDGED THIS ASPECT, BUT POINTED OUT THAT HE SAW NO PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO HIS SCENARIO. WE REMARKED THAT THE SYG'S VIEWS WERE UNCLEAR AS TO TIMING OF REQUEST TO ENLARGE UNIFIL. HIS POSITION ON THE NEED TO ENLARGE THE FORCE WAS ALREADY ON RECORD. MOJSOV SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL GUYER AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AFTER THE LATTER'S ARRIVAL THIS EVENING. IN LIGHT OF THE COMPLICATIONS OF SCHEDULING THE SYG WOULD PROBABLY AGREE TO DELAYING THE REQUEST FOR ENLARGMENT.

4. MOJSOV DOUBTED THE SC COULD ENDORSE THE REQUEST

TO ENLARGE WITHOUT HOLDING A FORMAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. HIS STATEMENT SEEMED BASED ON A POLITICAL JUDGMENT THAT THE ARABS WOULD REQUEST A FORMAL MEETING OR THAT THE SOVIET UNION OR OTHERS WOULD ASK FOR 24 HOURS OR MORE TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO SEEK REACTIONS FROM CAPITALS. MOJSOV ADDED THAT OF COURSE THE SYG MAY WISH TO PRESENT HIS REQUEST INFORMALLY AT THE CONSULTATIONS OF THE COUNCIL ON APRIL 20 DURING THE COURSE OF HIS ORAL REPORT. (NOTE: SC CONSULTATIONS ARE SET FOR 9:30 AM ON APRIL 20 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RES 425 AND TO HEAR THE SYG'S REPORT ON HIS TRIP TO THE AREA).

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5. LEONARD MADE FURTHER POINT THAT THE UN SECRETARIAT
MAY BE UNABLE TO MOVE AHEAD IN PLANNING FOR ADDITIONAL

TROOP CONTINGENTS WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE SC. THIS
WOULD STALL THE PACE OF DEPLOYING UNIFIL ABOVE THE
LEVEL OF 4,000, WHICH WOULD BE REACHED IN ABOUT ONE WEEK.
MOJSOV TOOK THE POINT BUT THOUGHT THAT AFTER THE 4,000
MARK IS ACHIEVED, THEN THE SYG COULD MAKE A NEW ASSESS-
MENT OF UNIFIL REQUIREMENTS. (THIS DESPITE THE SYG'S
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ALREADY EXPRESSED NEED TO AUGMENT THE FORCE.) EXCHANGE
CONCLUDED WITH OUR NOTING THAT WE WOULD REPORT TO THE
DEPARTMENT THE NEW SCENARIO. YOUNG

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